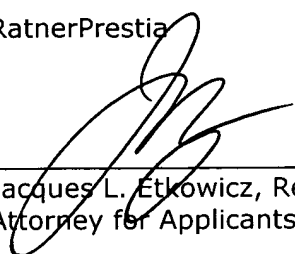


**Remarks**

Applicants have amended the claims to better conform to US practice. No new matter is added by these amendments. Applicants respectfully request therefore that the amended claims be entered and examined.

Respectfully submitted,

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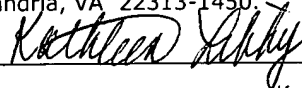
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